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Subject:

Divisional Patent Application of
Serial No.: 09/917,347 7/30/01

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IMPROVING JUNCTION STABILITY AND YIELD FOR
SPIN VALVE HEADS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

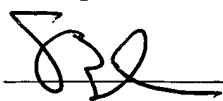
This is a preliminary amendment for the above referenced Divisional Patent Application. Please amend the above identified application for patent as follows:

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PLEASE AMEND THE SPECIFICATION AS FOLLOWS:

After the title, insert -- This is a division of Patent Application serial number 09/917,347, filing date 7/30/01, Improving Junction Stability And Yield For Spin Valve Heads, assigned to the same assignee as the present invention.

REMARKS

A reference to the parent case has been added by Preliminary Amendment to this Divisional Patent Application.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Allowance of the subject Patent Application is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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